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TELEVISION personality **Joan Lunden** has received the Army's top civilian award, the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service, for her in-depth coverage of the Army.

Following the Pentagon awards ceremony, Lunden reviewed the troops in a Twilight Tattoo ceremony performed by soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, The Old Guard, of the Military District of Washington.

The award recognizes Lunden for her work as executive producer of the television series "Behind Closed Doors with Joan Lunden."

"We can't tell you how much we appreciate what you've done for us, because it invites the American public to see what it's like to be a soldier," said Director of the Army Staff LTG John M. Pickler. "More than that, I think you've given the American public a sense of appreciation for the selfless service and sacrifice that's a part of our culture."

For her series "Behind Closed Doors" Lunden has fired the main gun of an M1A1 Abrams tank at Fort Knox, Ky., jumped in formation with the Army's Golden Knights parachute demonstration team, and participated in war games with the 82nd Airborne Division and trained with special forces soldiers, both at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Lunden said she wanted to participate in the training so that viewers could see and experience what it's like to be in the Army. "I wanted people to be able to experience that slice of life through me," she said.

Soldiers' sense of camaraderie and family and

mutual respect for one another are what make the Army such a great force, Lunden said. She also praised the Army's training programs.

The small sampling of training she underwent, she said, "challenged me physically and emotionally. They really tested my mettle and made me a stronger and better person. For that I am truly grateful."

"Behind Closed Doors with Joan Lunden" appears on the A&E television network. — *Army News Service*

ACULINARY team from the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in Savannah, Ga., took top honors in a recent culinary competition that included military chefs from the United States and Great Britain.

SSGs Mark A. Morgan and Christopher J. Cahall won Best Entrée and Best Overall, earning praise from some of New York City's finest chefs.

"You've got the key ingredient to cooking: you love it, and it shows in your work," said Franklin Becker, executive chef at "Local," a premier Manhattan theater district café.

The competition's 15 judges included chefs from nine of New York City's best restaurants. Also judging were flag officers from the Navy and Marine Corps.

Four trophies were up for grabs, including Best Appetizer, Best Entrée, Best Dessert and Best Overall.

The meal that won the ranger team the coveted Best Overall award included an appetizer of salmon ravioli atop a julienne of fennel, turnip and peppers. The winning entrée was chicken breast stuffed with shallots and leeks, and a creamy white chocolate bread pudding for dessert.

"I've always gone into competitions thinking I could win," said Morgan. Rated as an executive chef, Morgan also won gold at the 26th Annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va., in March. And he was on the gold-winning team last October at the Olympiade der Koch, the world's oldest and most prestigious cooking competition, held in Germany.

Cahall and Morgan left the competition with more than a trophy for top honors. Both soldiers were treated to dinner at two of New York's finest restaurants. — *CPT Margaret Heatherman, USA-SOC Public Affairs*

Morgan and Cahall: Culinary winners.



ARMY Chief of Staff GEN Eric K. Shinseki recently awarded 24 junior officers the GEN Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for making a difference in the lives of their soldiers.

At the 14th annual awards ceremony at the Pentagon, Shinseki said: "We recognize outstanding leaders today because your influence on soldiers is so strong and so lasting. Imprints of great leadership are repeated in a thousand ways in a thousand units as those lessons are emulated."

The award recognizes company-grade active-duty, National Guard and Reserve officers who demonstrate the Army's values. Criteria for the award include the ability to motivate others, understand fellow soldiers, and inspire commitment, teamwork and esprit de corps.

CW2 Nicholas Punimata, a special forces operational detachment commander at Fort Lewis, Wash., was the first warrant officer to receive the award.

Other recipients included **CPT Kevin Berkman** of the Georgia National Guard; **CPT William Coppernoll** from Fort Knox, Ky.; **CPT Gregory Durkac** of the Michigan Guard; **CPT William Edwards** of the Oregon Guard; **CPT Patrick Ellis** from the Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy.

Also winning were **1LT Randall Fisher** of the 3397th Garrison Support Unit in Chattanooga, Tenn.; **CPT Cheley Gabriel** of the West Virginia Guard; **CPT Lance Green** from Fort Myer, Va.; **CPT Willie Greene** from Fort Hood, Texas; **CPT Yi Gwon** from U.S. Army, Korea; **CPT Charles Hansell** from U.S. Army, Europe; **CPT Robert Intress** of the Minnesota Guard; **CPT Christopher Krug** of the Iowa Guard; **CPT David Lyles** of the 407th Civil Affairs Battalion in Arden Hills, Mich.; **CPT Hugh McLarnon** from Fort Drum, N.Y.; **2LT Michael Morford** of the 8th Quartermaster Brigade in New Orleans, La.; **CPT Robert Purtle** of the Germany-

based 72nd Signal Battalion; **CPT Lisa Saulsbery** and **CPT Richard Thompson** from Fort Benning, Ga.; **CPT Randall Thrash** from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; **CPT Christopher West** of the 467th Engineer Bn. in Memphis, Tenn.; **1LT Aaron Wilkes** of the 394th Adjutant General Company in Long Beach, Calif.; and **CPT Calvin Wineland** from Fort Lewis. — *ARNEWS*



Greene: Educator.

SFC Kevin Douglass Greene, a recruiter at the Milwaukie, Ore., recruiting station, may have inherited his strong interest in education from his great-great grandfather, Frederick Douglass, Greene said.

Born in 1817 into slavery near Easton, Md., Douglass began educating himself at the age of eight. He was freed from slavery and went on to become a leading spokesman for black Americans. He was a great orator, writer, publisher and educator. During the Civil War, he was a recruiter for the Union Army, Greene said.

Long before volunteering for recruiting duty more than a year ago, Greene combined his interest in education with the knowledge he gleaned from researching his family tree to teach African-American heritage to kindergartners and middle and high school students in the Portland area.

"I ask the students if they know about Frederick Douglass and then I summarize the outstanding achievements in his life," said Greene. Those achievements include three autobiographies; Greene owns a first edition of one of them. The book is presently on display in the Frederick Douglass Summer Home Museum in Highland Beach, Md.

During his visual presentation, "The Douglass Tree," Greene tells students about the challenges that Douglass faced and asks them about challenges they face.

"I try to wear two hats," Greene said. "I enjoy telling young people about the value of the military as well as the value of education."

Greene has taken his presentation to 16 schools and three universities.

He's also addressed groups in the Washington, D.C., area at the Library of Congress, the Children's National Medical Center and the Frederick Douglass Honors Society at Howard University. — *Pearl Ingram, U.S. Army Recruiting Command PAO*

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